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BUCHAREST FOR RICHMOND

1. DEPT CONCURS IN INCLUDING IV PROGRAM AND LIBRARY CONTACTS ON AGENDA FOR REVIEW TALKS (REFTEL A). RE. LIBRARY CONTACTS, WE WILL BE PREPARED TO LISTEN TO ANY PROPOSALS SOVIETS MAY WISH TO MAKE FOR EXCHANGES IN THIS FIELD. HOWEVER IN OUR VIEW, INITIATION OF ANY POSSIBLE FORMAL EXCHANGE IN THIS AREA SHOULD BE LEFT FOR FY76 OR FY77. THIS WOULD TEND TO CONFORM TO OPINION EXPRESSED BY SAKOVICH (REFTEL B). WILL WANT TO DISCUSS OUR APPROACH WITH RICHMOND BEFORE TALKS BEGIN.

2. WE ARE PLEASED SOVIETS PREPARED TO DISCUSS IV PROGRAM. OUR MAJOR GOAL IS, OF COURSE, TO GAIN SOVIET ACCEPTANCE OF PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD GIVE DEPT GREATER HAND IN SELECTION OF SOVIETS WHO COME TO US WITH CU SUPPORT. IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO THIS
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PROPOSAL, WE WILL WANT TO DISCUSS WITH EMBASSY AND RICHMOND

MANNER IN WHICH TO PRESENT IDEA TO SOVIETS. IT MAY BE THAT WE WILL WISH TO SEEK AGREEMENT TO PROCEED ON THIS EXCHANGE ON INFORMAL BASIS RATHER THAN TO INCORPORATE

IT FORMALLY IN AGREEMENT AT THIS TIME.

3. WE CONCUR IN PRINCIPLE WITH PARA 4 REFTEL C, BUT DO NOT PLAN PROPOSE EXCHANGES FOR FY75. HOWEVER, IF SOVIETS PUSH FOR EARLY EXCHANGE, WE WOULD PROBABLY BE ABLE TO PROGRAM IT.

4. REFTEL D CONTAINS BULK OF US PROPOSALS. POLANSKY WILL CARRY BACK UP MATERIALS WHICH HAVE BEEN PREPARED. POLANSKY, WHO WILL ACT AS TEAM LEADER WITH APPROPRIATE PRESENTATIONS BY ALL MEMBERS OF TEAM, WOULD LIKE TO CONSULT WITH RICHMOND AND EMBASSY OFFICERS FRIDAY AND SATURDAY ON POSITIONS WE WILL TAKE ON AGENDA ITEMS.

5. USIA'S INPUT ON EXHIBITS, FILMS AND TV WILL BE CABLED SHORTLY. KISSINGER

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